



Just clubbing

Charles Durgood, a Photographic Phantoms player hits the ball Sunday July 28, during a soft ball game.

(Photo by Matthew Saddington)

Business school needs millions

By Kim MacLaren

A school of business may be built at Conestoga College's Doon campus if the college can raise a "few million dollars," said college president John Tibbits.

The amount of money raised and the size of school needed will determine when it will be built, Tibbits said.

He added he would have a better idea in early January or February as to whether plans will go ahead.

The trend is to consolidate operations at one campus, he said.

"I want people to understand that it isn't just the school of business we're doing this for, it's for the college."

Kevin Mullan, vice president of finance and administration, said the new school would not be a separate building, but would probably be built as an "addition." "As a separate building, cost-wise, it probably isn't a good idea. You're then looking at another cafeteria

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Grant McGregor, dean of the school of business.

(Photo Kim MacLaren)

College will go ahead with Waterloo campus traffic light

By Sarah Jane Paterson

Conestoga College is willing to contribute \$10,000 towards a \$125,000 proposed traffic light in front of Waterloo campus, college president John Tibbits said.

"We're not going to hesitate (al-

though) we're not happy about it," he said.

Waterloo city council approved the traffic light to improve safety on condition the Region of Waterloo agrees to reimburse the city when traffic counts are at provin-

cial standards, he said. Construction will likely begin in September if the regional council approves the motion to reimburse the city.

"I guess some people would have liked to have seen the traffic light in sooner, but the problem is traffic lights are \$125,000. And municipalities just don't throw them out there unless they're needed," Tibbits said.

Donna Runions, Waterloo campus administrator, said, there is still a "serious situation" at the Waterloo campus.

She said there have been numerous "fender-benders."

"We kept (count) to prove we did need a traffic light."

The traffic problem at the Waterloo campus has been raised at least once a year at college safety committee meetings for about five years. "It was one of those things that would pop up every once in a while," Runions said.

"Members of the (safety) committee who had to make left-hand turns every day would say, 'This is a pain in the neck and we're concerned somebody is going to get into an accident,'" she said. As traffic increased over the years it has become more of a concern.

Runions said traffic flow increased when the day-care centre opened in September 1990. There are 90 spaces, which means about 70 cars come into the Waterloo campus between 7:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m. to drop their children off and from 3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. to pick them up. "That's a fair bit of traffic," she said.

Some parents who bring children to the day-care centre have expressed their concern about the situation.

Manulife Insurance, whose employees are guaranteed 30 spaces in

the day-care centre, have a difficult time making a left-hand turn to get to Manulife, which is north of the campus and near Conestoga Mall.

Tibbits said, "Manulife is a major player... they don't want to see one of their employees in a serious accident with their kids on King Street. No one wants to have a fatality."

Kevin Mullan, vice-president of finance and administration at Conestoga College, said the money for the stop light would come from the Ministry of Colleges and Universities for repairs, alterations and maintenance budget.

The physical resources department is in the process of prioritizing which projects will receive money from this year's \$313,000 budget.

"That is \$10,000 we don't have to spend somewhere else. It could mean a repair at another campus," he said.

"They (physical resources) would have no problem coming up with half a million to a million dollars worth of major repairs that should be done this year," Mullan said.

The \$10,000 will help pay for adjustments made at the Waterloo campus.

A joint driveway will be built to create an intersection because now there are two driveways, one from the adjoining property and one from Conestoga's parking, coming out side-by-side onto King Street, he said. That would create problems for entering and exiting at a traffic light.



Donna Runions, administrator for Waterloo campus, stands in front of a play area in the day care centre.

(Photo by Sarah Jane Paterson)

Police investigate thefts

By Rob Maddox

Waterloo regional police are investigating the theft of two personal computers and a laser printer from Conestoga College's Doon campus.

Sometime between Aug. 2 and 5, a computer, keyboard, and monitor were stolen from the main teaching building and a laser printer was stolen from the administration building.

On Aug. 6, between 12:20 and 8 a.m., a second computer, valued at \$2,100, was stolen from the fourth-floor journalism computer lab in the main building.

Bob Gilberts, chief of security on the campus, reported the thefts to regional police.

Gilberts said security reported nothing out of the ordinary on either occasion and that "there's no sign of forced entry as far as I can see."

Buildings are locked at 11 p.m. Security officers routinely check all campus buildings twice between midnight and 4:30 a.m. They make sure all lights are off and people have left the premises.

Security officers then unlock the doors about 6 a.m. for morning classes.

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Star Trek fans should look again

By Stephen Uhler

It's difficult to write seriously when a Star Trek convention has been held recently, as one was July 26-28 in the aptly named Regal Constellation Hotel.

The devotion displayed toward the 1960s' television program must make most world religions envious. Imagine a fanatical leader of the Trek cult ordering the faithful to kill all who dare to mock William Shatner's hair-piece. There's a thought to keep people awake at night.

For those who haven't a clue what I'm writing about, Star Trek was a science fiction show broadcast from 1966 to 1969, and has since been the rallying point for people with a fetish for rubber, pointed ears. (Don't ask.) In any event, the show has obtained a popularity that has vastly outstripped its modest beginnings.

It is getting more difficult to comprehend the long-standing appeal of Star Trek. Watching the old repeats often sends me into spasms of hysterical laughter.

There seemed to be a set of physical laws the series operated under, which made the show as predictable as the federal government raising taxes.

Crew members who wore those snazzy red pullovers were always doomed. They were treated like generic cannon fodder. As soon as a viewer laid eyes on them, it was only the span of time between commercial breaks before they were eaten, fried, crushed, impaled or otherwise dispatched. One of the great mysteries of Star Trek was trying to figure out what these people did when they weren't being killed in nasty ways. It's as if the director wanted to indicate which of the extras would be killed early to avoid paying overtime.

The commander of the starship Enterprise, Captain Kirk, played by Shatner, always managed to find women to collapse into his bed, no matter what planet he was on. He never worried about safe sex, although there are bound to be horrible diseases discovered in the 24th century. I'd presume humans still use condoms in the future, although I've never noticed any dispensing machines on the Enterprise. Or for that matter, any washrooms to hide them in.

Kirk should've fired his tailor through a torpedo tube for making such flimsy outfits. He was the only one on the show whose shirt fell apart at the slightest puff of wind. Maybe being captain of a starship didn't pay well enough to support all of his illegitimate children scattered across the galaxy.

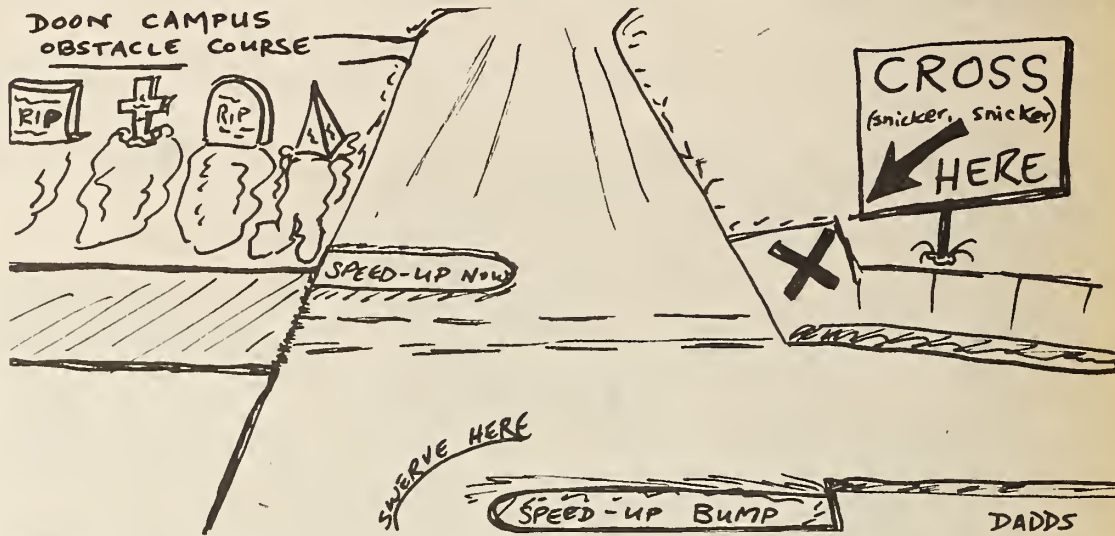
While we're on the topic, let's hear a round of indignation for the outfits the ladies on the show wore. As visually appealing as those black skirts were, they're not practical for exploring strange new worlds, unless the head of Starfleet is a descendent of Hugh Hefner. You had to have loved those high-heeled boots, perfect for strolling through jungles and barren landscapes.

As flawed as the original show was, from the alien landscapes that looked exactly like California to the wildly varied writing and acting, there was a certain campy charm to it. But it boggles the rational mind to see legions of fans wearing rubber pointed ears descending on Star Trek conventions like pilgrims to Mecca. They should get out of their houses more often.

Now, if you'll excuse me, I have to don my six-foot-long scarf and switch to Buffalo's channel 17.

Doctor Who is on and I haven't missed an episode.

OPINION



Political manipulation at its best

The Quebec government's insistence on continuing the Great Whale phase of the James Bay hydro project provides an interesting example of political manipulation.

Jean Charest, federal minister of the environment, announced two weeks ago that the federal government will conduct an environmental assessment of the project, a move which escalates the constitutional wrangling between Ottawa and Quebec City.

This announcement suggests a great deal about Ottawa's political intentions.

As Toronto Star columnist Carol Goar noted in a recent article, the federal government is manoeuvring on several different levels.

First, Ottawa is demonstrating a sensitivity to the opposition shown to the project by the Cree Indians of the area.

After the Oka crisis last summer, and the unmistakable flexing of aboriginal power by Elijah Harper, federal politicians are taking Indians' political de-

mands seriously for perhaps the first time.

Second, Charest is indicating that the federal government will not stand idly by while provincial governments ram approval for such massive projects through their legislatures. Ultimately, this may force the Supreme Court to decide which government has jurisdiction over the environment.

Third, the interference indicates that the federal government will not give in to Quebec's demands and anger. The James Bay project has been Robert Bourassa's brainchild for 20 years. No clearer message could be sent to him, or to English-speaking Canada.

Fourth, Charest is pandering to the environmental lobby. Although he knows the Quebec government may ignore him, going through these motions is good public relations for Ottawa.

As Goar noted, Charest's announcement is "as deft a manoeuvre as Canadians are likely to see."

By Shawn Gillick

Advertising ban no solution

The Quebec Superior Court overturned a federal law banning cigarette advertising, ruling that the legislation infringed upon the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Following this decision, anti-smoking lobby groups began to pressure the Supreme Court of Canada to reverse the provincial court's stand. They cited the health hazards caused by tobacco smoke, and accused the tobacco companies of targeting young people with ad campaigns.

The medical evidence proving the health hazards of smoking is well documented. However, the way to combat tobacco use is not through banning the industry's advertising. It would be far better to use the education system to discourage potential smokers.

Any government that decides the public good would be better served by banning advertising for dangerous products is exposing itself to charges of hypocrisy.

No product is completely hazard-free. If one product is singled out, a case could be made to include others with the potential to cause damage to public health.

For example, if cigarettes are to be banned from the media, then shouldn't automobiles also be included? Road accidents claim thousands of lives each year, yet there is no pressure upon the government to ban car and truck advertising. Perhaps it is more socially acceptable to die in an auto crash than after 30 years of smoking.

Tobacco usage is taking a terrible toll on the public's health, yet banning cigarette advertising is not the solution, as it fails to address the problem of tobacco usage.

Only through education and improved support to those attempting to quit smoking will tobacco use be reduced.

By Stephen Uhler

Mistaken identity no excuse

Marcelus Francois' resemblance to somebody else cost him his life.

On July 3 a Montreal police officer mistook Francois for a suspect in an attempted-murder case, and shot and killed him.

Francois was unarmed and was in the passenger seat of the vehicle stopped by police who believed it to be another car driven by other people.

A special coroner's inquest into the death of Francois has been ordered and rightly so. But the Quebec Justice Department said there will be no public airing in court, since it does not believe there was any criminal negligence on the part of the Montreal Urban Community Police.

Tell that to Francois' widow and children.

His death was needless and an apology from the Montreal police, along with a slap on the wrist, will not compensate for his lost life.

The only explanation for the shooting given by the Montreal police was one of "mistaken identity." They had been following the wrong car while they were looking for suspects in a stabbing case. This explanation simply will not do.

Essentially, Francois was killed because his skin was black. The Montreal police (who had photographs of the suspects) are saying all black men look alike and if one is a suspect in an attempted-murder case, all are suspects.

There is more to it than that. Even if the car was the one driven by the suspects, the killing of an unarmed person, of any race, is not justified.

The police made a fatal error. The coroner's inquest will give it the examination it requires, but the public has a right to its hearing. It is time for the police to be held accountable for their mistakes.

By Patricia Harrickey

Doon campus logical place for college business school

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and those types of issues will arise," Mullan said.

Grant McGregor, dean of the existing school of business (a collection of programs without its separate building), said there would be more efficiencies at the new school and "if anything, we'll be able to provide more academic services to students."

Any student would have "total access" to all available services under one roof.

He cited an example in which software for economics courses are available at Doon, but not at the Guelph or Waterloo campuses.

"That's not to say the economics courses in Guelph and Waterloo aren't adequate, it's just that the state of the art material is here," McGregor said.

The college no longer has the resources to support duplication at other campuses, he said.

He added the business program has a common first semester in which students do not specialize in any particular course, but touch on all courses which would be available in one building.

Currently, the materials management program is only available at the Guelph campus, McGregor said.

Funding doesn't allow for a sports complex or a large library at every campus, and therefore the quality of student activities and recreational facilities isn't the same.

"So, there's the question, do I have the same level of services?," Tibbits said.

"There is absolutely no way the college could offer those types of services at other campuses."

Waterloo and Guelph campuses are fully developed, with no room for expansion or parking, he said.

Once a decision on the new school is made and the transition of business programs from other campuses to Doon is completed, "we'll have a better fix on Waterloo," Tibbits said.

He said it wouldn't be wise to make major changes now to the Waterloo campus, where food and beverage management is currently taught, and have to "rip out the kitchen facilities in two years to bring it over here. We just don't have money to waste."

Donna Runions, campus administrator in Waterloo, said the school of business would be a "positive move" for Waterloo's business students, "especially for the younger students who have said they would prefer to study at Doon campus."

It's because of the sports complex and the student activities that "there is more student life at Doon than there is here."

Runions said about 50 per cent of Waterloo's programs are business programs and it wouldn't be economically feasible to keep the Waterloo campus running "if they removed all the business programs from Waterloo campus without replacing them with other programs."

She said some of the more successful programs, such as English as a second language, preparatory programs and training and development "would need to be expanded."

According to Tibbits, the school may be built in two phases. The first phase would be the building of classrooms and the second phase

would be "possibly a restaurant and an amphitheatre."

The restaurant would be operated by students in the food and beverage management program.

The concept for the restaurant would be to provide formal dining and have it licensed by the LCBO. And to enhance the atmosphere, "we'd have the restaurant overlooking the pond," Tibbits said.

The idea of an amphitheatre is to provide space in which large groups of people can meet and maybe "a place to show films as well."

"We really don't have an area where student government or all the teachers can meet. And the school of nursing needs a place to meet as well."

Fundraising is new to the college, Tibbits said, "Universities have done this for years but it's not something you can pull out of your back pocket."

"You can't just go out and knock on doors for money, either."

He said asking businesses for donations requires a good case as to "why you need the money, ... and how it will make a difference."

A plan for targeting groups of businesses or individuals for donations is being drawn up this summer.

He said he has built a team of business people who will approach businesses for donations.

When asked what's in it for a company giving a large contribution, Tibbits replied, "The school of business would be named after the company or person donating a large sum of money, or a plaque with the company's name would be put on the building."

Tri Tech shuts down recycling operation

By Kim MacLaren

Tri Tech Recycling in Waterloo -- which paid for paper collected from schools, universities and smaller business -- closed in May.

Joe Mancini, former owner of Tri Tech, said the company closed for a number of reasons after 10 years of service, "mainly because we were essentially pushed out."

According to Mancini, Tri Tech was the only company to recycle fine paper and cardboard "but now there are five companies recycling the same product -- companies like Big Bear, Laidlaw Waste Systems Ltd. and BFI."

"We're not talking about guys in little pickup trucks running around," Mancini said. "We are talking multinational, established companies, pushing hard to get into the recycling business. We couldn't compete."

In 1990, Tri Tech charged Doon campus \$35 a pickup. Over that period, Tri Tech paid Doon \$150 to \$300 for its fine paper.

When Laidlaw began recycling fine paper and cardboard in February 1991, the company set up 200 blue boxes and 50, 90-gallon drums, at Doon campus, free of charge.

"That's when Doon's account was taken away from us," Mancini said.

A blue box costs about \$5 each and "we did not have that kind of money to give away," he said.

Laidlaw charges \$110 a

month for one pickup a week. This fee includes everything -- recyclables and garbage, said Bill Waddell, sales manager at Laidlaw in Kitchener. "Prices will vary according to customer volume."

Previously, Tri Tech paid three cents a pound for fine paper and sold it for seven cents a pound. The company could no longer afford to pay when it was only receiving 2 1/2 cents per pound.

"The price went down 70 per cent due to the recession and increased recycling," Mancini said. "There was a lot of paper around and that cut the price down."

Terri Rosekat, administrative services staff member at Waterloo campus, said the campus lost money dealing with Tri Tech last year.

"We brought the paper to Tri Tech ourselves, to avoid the pickup charge and used our own gas money. Also, the campus had to invest in two burlap bags and two drums which cost about \$40."

She said the campus received maybe "\$20 or \$25" for its fine paper since the recycling program began in 1989. "We're also stuck with the burlap bags and drums."

Tri Tech was a non-profit organization, but it no longer wanted to operate as a subsidized facility, Mancini said. "We went into this business with the notion that it would pay for itself. We didn't want to create another organization that would need to fight for a grant every year."

Waterloo campus left in lurch after recycling plant closes



Terri Rosekat and Donna Runions, Waterloo campus.

(Photo by Kim MacLaren)

By Kim MacLaren

Conestoga College's Waterloo campus is no longer recycling computer paper and color ledger paper since Tri Tech Recycling in Waterloo closed in May.

The campus will negotiate a contract with another recycling company in the near future but paper is now being thrown out because "we can't let paper accumulate," said Donna Runions, campus administrator. "We don't have the storage space."

Waterloo has been recycling glass, tin (including pop cans), newsprint, cardboard, computer paper, and color ledger which consists of a mixture of office paper, envelopes, and course outlines. Pop cans, tin, glass, plastic bottles and newsprint are collected by the City of Waterloo free of charge, she said.

Tentatively, the campus has found a company in Hamilton that charges \$10 per pickup "and that's for everything," Runions said.

Terri Rosekat, administrative services staff member at Waterloo campus, said there are only a couple of barrels of paper over the summer that isn't being recycled. She added there aren't any students or

faculty at the campus during the summer and "if it had to happen, now's the best time for it to happen. Right now, it's the computer paper and the color ledger that we're not recycling. We're still recycling everything else."

She said if Tri Tech hadn't gone out of business, the Waterloo campus would still be dealing with the company.

"We ran into a little bit of a problem because the company was the only one that offered the best deal. When they went out of business, we lost out on where we could take our paper."

Joy Sommerville, curriculum records staff member at Waterloo campus, and Rosekat initiated the campus recycling program in October 1991.

"I guess the biggest problem was transporting paper from the campus to Tri Tech. We don't have a loading dock so trucks had no access to the building," Rosekat said.

According to Runions, Sommerville and Rosekat did 90 per cent of the work by sorting the paper into burlap bags and "loading five or six 70-pound bags unto a truck. They worked hard."

Tri Tech charged \$35 a pickup but

according to Joe Mancini, former owner of Tri Tech, "it was as if the campus couldn't afford to pay for the pickup charge. Sommerville and Rosekat would bring the paper over here in a truck."

Rosekat said it can be discouraging when people want to recycle but "maybe the funds just aren't there."

She said the campus could save the paper collected throughout the summer and call a company to pick it up at a later date but "who's going to pay for it? It's going to cost \$25 every time they come and I'm not going to pay for that out of my pocket. Nobody has said to me, here is money for recycling."

There is no funding for the recycling program at Conestoga College, said Kevin Mullan, vice-president of finance and administration operations.

Recycling is included in physical plant funds which are "allocated at the beginning of each fiscal year to the person responsible in that area," he said.

With an approval from the college, a person (Donna Runions for Waterloo campus and Barry Milner for Doon Campus) "operates within their budget funding for the recycling program," Mullan said.

Construction

Millions of dollars being spent on Doon campus facilities at Conestoga College

By Sarah Jane Paterson

Millions of dollars in construction at the Doon campus are paving the way for a better Conestoga, according to Conestoga College President John Tibbits.

The expanded cafeteria, the new student/client services building and renovations in the technology and nursing wings all point to the "new" Conestoga.

The \$89 million of work going on now is "quite unique," Tibbits said in an interview, and will be the infrastructure of a future consolidated college.

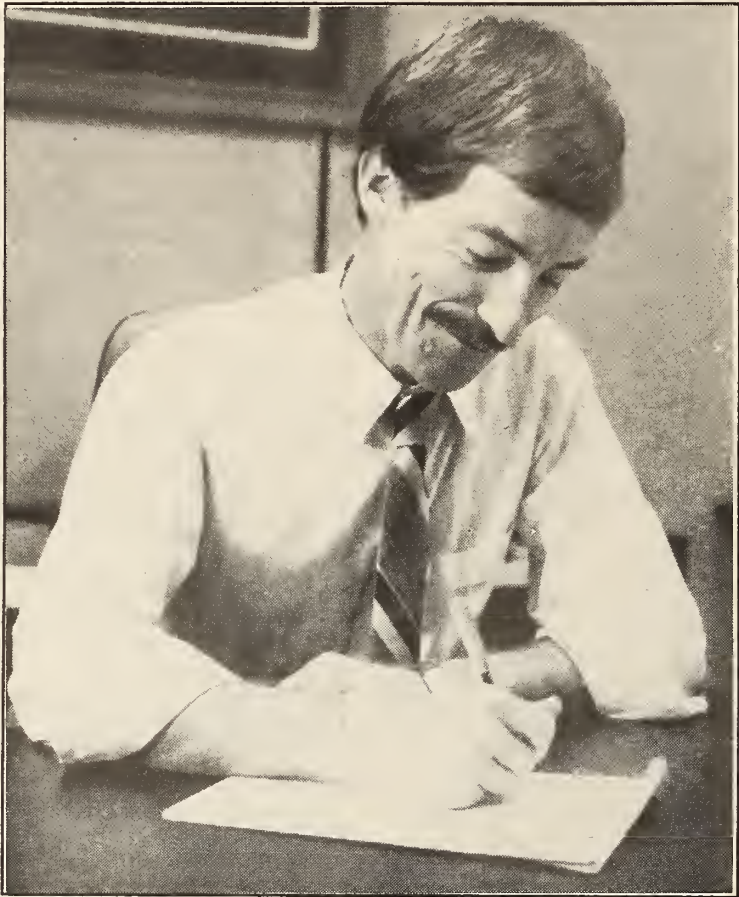
Besides the consolidation of full-time day courses at Doon, the other goal is to continue the expansion of preparatory and adult education courses into the communities, Tibbits said.

Within 5-10 years he would like to see a school of business and a "very large" school of trades and apprenticeship at Doon.

Kevin Mullan, vice-president of finance and administration at Conestoga College, said a grant of \$700,000 was approved a year ago by the province for the expansion of the Doon campus cafeteria. Some \$200,000 is for the reconstruction of the business area near the nursing division.

Another \$5 million is for a student/client services building under construction on the Doon campus. A project that was approved two years ago is to renovate the technology section.

Mullan said this "deliberate movement" of consolidation and expansion of the college will allow



Kevin Mullan, vice-president of finance and administration.
(Photo by Sarah Jane Paterson)

it to run more efficiently.

"Obviously, it's much more expensive to run programs at 25 locations than to run them at maybe five or six larger locations," Conestoga serves people in an area of 54,000 square miles, he said.

Consolidation means the trades and apprenticeship programs at the

Guelph campus would move to the Doon campus, Tibbits said.

When it is known if this move is going to happen, then the Guelph campus can be designed "for something else." He would like to see it moved from the industrial sector in Guelph closer to the downtown area.

Tibbits said that it should known be within the year if Conestoga will get funding for a school of business. "Then we can start designing Waterloo" because all of its business, secretarial, computer and food and beverage management programs would move to the Doon campus. Even the dining room used by the food and beverage management students would move.

Continuing education and upgrading courses, Ontario basic skills, English as a second language, and the day-care centre at Waterloo would stay at that campus.

"We would see the Waterloo campus there, perhaps forever," Tibbits said.

Major renovations at Waterloo and Guelph would be a waste of money because those campuses may have "far different purposes" in several years, he said.

"We don't want to be in a situation where one week we rip this out, and then we rip that out. But if people are in conditions that are horrific, then obviously we would do something," Tibbits said.

"A student at Waterloo or Guelph could say that (they) don't have the same recreation facilities as Doon. To me the answer is not to build four or five more rec centres. There is no space or money."

Adult education and preparatory programs will continue to expand into communities, "but they won't be in our locations."

The school will be sublet or lease. "The properties we own will probably be diminished," Tibbits said. Renting space from school boards

would give Conestoga better access to communities. "Who has a better distribution, if you're looking at it from a business sense, than the school board? There are probably 300 school buildings in the area that we serve."

Renting space would be cheaper, too, he said. "If we had 50 other locations (to access), then we wouldn't have to worry about the heating, cleaning, and maintenance ... we'd just pay a little fee."

Tibbits said that adults who attend these programs would likely feel more comfortable in classrooms off of Doon campus because they "are not looking for rec centres, cafeterias or pubs."

The nursing program would stay in Stratford because it is part of the hospital, and the overhead costs are paid.

Tibbits said that the Cambridge campus may have more adult education programming.

Mullan said that Doon campus has "an awful lot of undeveloped land." Not even half of the 148 acres is developed.

The Guelph and Waterloo campuses can't be expanded because they are almost fully developed, Mullan said.

The operations will be consolidated at the Doon campus because it is "strategically located in the centre of all our delivery areas. It's not very far from Guelph and you can get here a lot quicker from downtown Cambridge than from downtown Kitchener."

In five to 10 years, the Doon campus will no longer be on the edge of the city, Mullan said.

Renovations extensive throughout Doon campus

By Kim MacLaren

There is an estimated \$8 million worth of construction under way at Doon campus this summer, most of which should be completed by October, said Kevin Mullan, vice president of finance and administration of Conestoga College.

A project which was funded by the Ministry of Colleges and Universities two years ago is currently under way involving renovations to the technology wing and the new student/client services building situated near the administration building.

\$5 Million Building

The purpose of the \$5 million student/client information building is to "focus on students," said John Tibbits, president of Conestoga College.

Job placement, recruitment, the registrar's office, training and development and continuing education will also be located in the building, said Tibbits.

"A lot of training is done here at the college," he said. "If Budd Automotive, for example, wanted to

come in and discuss training opportunities, they would do so in the student/client building."

Most importantly, people will no longer need to go to different offices for different reasons, Tibbits said.

"I remember when I first came here. I asked where's the front door," Tibbits said. "That's not the way we want to treat people."

Renovations

He added that the general administrative services, the president's office and human resources will remain in the administrative building. Renovations in the technology wing included two classroom additions, taking out ceiling heating units and fitting in roof units so "you can't hear the noise," Tibbits said.

The heating units used to make a dull humming sound when the rooms were workshops and "it wasn't that noticable, but now the workshops are classrooms. With a dropped ceiling, teachers' voices can be heard better."

The addition beside the main caf-

eteria will house faculty from the business and applied arts programs, Tibbits said. Faculty from both programs "had very, very poor office space."

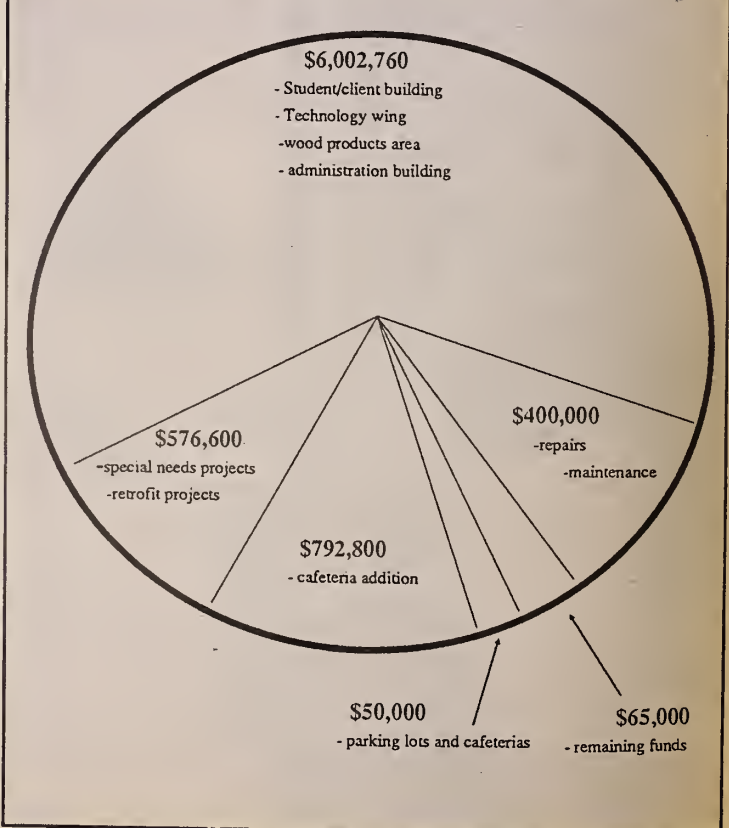
"There were no worse offices than the school of business on this campus," Tibbits said. "It was awful. Everyone jammed in like rats in a maze."

There will also be renovations for special needs students at all campuses, Tibbits said. Washrooms on the second floor of the building and the nurses office were rebuilt to accommodate special needs students. As well, ramps will be built at Doon but not elsewhere because "other campuses are one level and don't have to deal with steps leading into the building," Tibbits said. Electric doors will be installed at all campuses as well.

Cafeteria Expansion

The cafeteria is being expanded because "we are growing as a college," Tibbits said. "We are looking at opening up a new school of business and by then, we'll see about 4,000 students or more."

Construction funds:



Off-campus news feature

Danes in distress

Alison Jones offers Great Danes free to pet lovers

By Valery Heiler

They weigh about 140 pounds and stand about 33 inches at the shoulder. They come in seven different colors. They are sweet in temperament, can live in an apartment and enjoy lots of human attention. They are noble, faithful and protective of their families. Sound good?

The above animal is a Great Dane, a gentle giant of the dog world.

Alison Jones is a 32-year-old Great Dane owner, but more than that, she is currently providing a service called Danes In Distress, which involves Great Dane placement and rescue.

Through Danes In Distress, Jones has placed 28 Great Danes since January 1991. Why someone would want to relinquish one of these big animals is beyond Jones, who has two of her own living in her Rockwood home.

"They are so much fun -- big, lovable clowns," she said.

Jones finds her job frustrating and emotionally draining at times, although she stresses how rewarding it is.

"I could make this a full-time job, but without funding it is not possible." She has saved a dog in Montreal, and sent one to a new home in Winnipeg. Someday she would like to see Danes In Distress working across the country.

Danes In Distress is notified about dogs from a variety of backgrounds. Some dogs have been picked up as strays and have not been claimed. Some dogs come from abusive or neglectful homes. Still others come from homes where the owners must find a new home for their pet because of circumstances beyond their control.

This is where Jones steps in. If the dog has come from the shelter situ-

ation, it is usually sent to a foster home for assessment and a chance to settle in.

"I have several valuable foster homes," said Jones. It is in the foster home setting that the dogs can receive proper care and are given a chance to settle in with a family so that their temperaments can be assessed.

"Temperament is very important, and unfortunately we had to euthanize two dogs because they had a poor temperament," Jones said.

**"Danes are not independent dogs, they need people."
— Alison Jones**

She is quick to point out that abuse and mistreatment caused the problem.

"I guess some people want a big, mean, dog but you can't make a dane mean, you can only ruin them," she said.

The dogs which do make it through the system are carefully placed with each individual home. Since the program will take a dog back at any time, Jones is careful to make sure she doesn't have to.

"Usually, I ask if potential owners have a fenced yard. I want each dog to be given a happy life. I try to place the perfect dog with the perfect family, but this is not always possible."

Jones said she has to remember she doesn't have to live with the people, the dog does.

"Even if I'm not crazy about the people personally, I have to decide if they can provide the dog with a happy life. That is what is important," she said.

About 20 per cent of the dogs that

Jones receives are from animal shelters. The rest are surrendered by owners.

"People don't research danes before they buy them and therefore are not aware of the commitment required to properly care for the dog," she said.

People don't realize how big the dog will eventually be or how much it will eat and how much that will cost. They don't realize the potential for trouble if the dog is not properly trained. Having a Great Dane puppy jump up on you may be cute but when the dog is full grown it is potentially dangerous. Sometimes the novelty of owning a big dog wears off and inconvenience outweighs the joy of ownership. They require early discipline and affection.

"Danes are not independent dogs, they need people. All the independence has been bred out of them and they need human companionship," she said. Danes do not do well living outside and prefer to be house dogs so they can be near their owners.

Several times this year Jones has been contacted by people who have claimed they were unable to keep their danes because of training problems. After talking to Jones and receiving advice and support they decided to keep their dogs.

"Advice and support should come from the breeders, not me. There are too many breeders selling dogs without providing new owners with the proper information."

Many of the breeders that Jones is upset with are the backyard variety. Owners realize there is money to be made selling unregistered puppies.

"An individual buys a Dane for \$600 and thinks they can breed their dog every year, have six to 10 puppies and make themselves a lot



Alison Jones, director of Danes in Distress, outside her Rockwood home.

(Photo by Valery Heiler)

of money," Jones said.

She said backyard breeders should be eliminated. They are breeding unregistered dogs and are not concerned with bettering the breed. In a country where thousands of animals are euthanized, it seems silly to be breeding more, she said.

Jones suggests that reputable breeders sell their puppies with a spay/neuter contract.

Any dane that is placed through Danes in Distress is done so with the understanding that the dog will be spayed or neutered. Failure to do so or properly care for the dog will

result in the dog being reclaimed by Danes In Distress.

Currently, the program is funded by the Association of Great Dane Fanciers and by donations.

The dogs are free but donations to this non-profit organization are welcomed.

Anyone interested in adopting a Great Dane or becoming a volunteer should contact Jones at 856-9854. She currently has one dog available for adoption -- a four-year-old male harlequin.

Donations can be sent to Danes In Distress, RR#2, Rockwood, On, N0B 2K0.

Summer life brings local author Edna Staebler to Doon campus

By Kingsley Marfo

Edna Staebler's personality and success as an author has raised her to the status of a local hero in the

Kitchener-Waterloo area. And as a guest speaker, Staebler was an inspiration to senior citizens who participated in a day-long workshop organized as part of Conestoga

Summer 1991.

Introducing Staebler to the participants, Helen Hastilow, a volunteer co-ordinator of the lecture series representing the Rockway Senior citizens residence, said Staebler had called to confirm the speaking engagement shortly after 8 a.m.

"I was surprised when she told me she had just finished swimming," Hastilow said.

Beyond the boundary of Kitchener-Waterloo region, Staebler is a tourist attraction. She said she was awarded the Waterloo-Wellington Hotel Hospitality Award in 1990 because, according to the officials, her books have brought a number of tourists to the Kitchener-Waterloo area.

"Although I have done nothing directly for the hospitality industry, I was told by an official that I rank second to Oktoberfest as a tourist attraction in the Kitchener-Waterloo region.

Staebler recalled an incident which occurred last summer when an American couple, who toured

her cottage, took her to task.

They were disappointed because what they saw at the cottage did not measure up to their expectations.

To some visitors to Canada, I am a tourist attraction — Staebler.

Staebler said she was first questioned by the wife about Sunfish Lake.

"You call that a lake? That is a pond," the woman remarked.

Staebler told them the lake was 68 feet deep and wide enough to fit the description.

"Do you have any fish in the lake? We want to do some fishing," the husband asked.

Staebler answered the lake was private property and therefore fishing was prohibited.

"To them I was a tourist attraction," Staebler said.

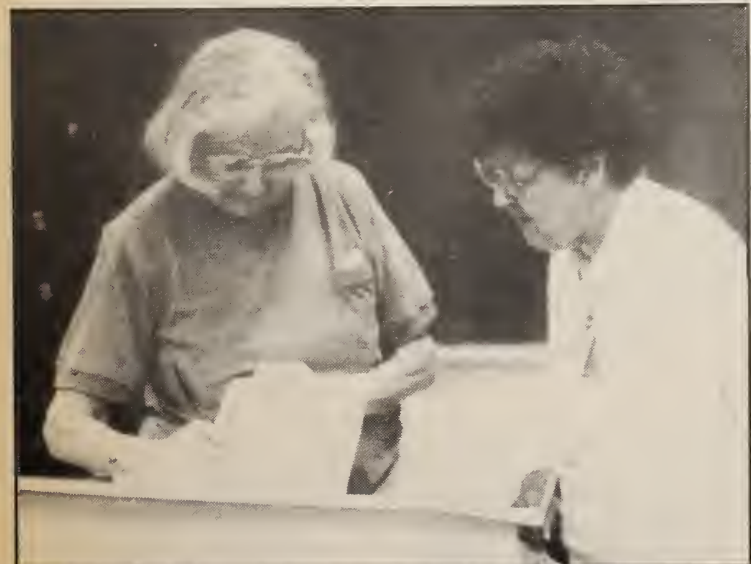
However, not all tourists, or outsiders perceive Staebler as a mere stop on their route. She receives thousands of letters, as well as a stream of visitors, guests and friends to her cottage near Erbsville.

She said some of the correspondence is so personal "it seems the writers are personal friends sharing intimate details of their life." One woman was so attached to Staebler that she used to write to her once a week.

"She mentioned in her last letter that something may develop out of an impending date with a gentleman... I have not heard from her since so I presume she is all set up now," Staebler said to laughter from the audience.

As well, some of her visitors expect to be fed because she writes bestseller cookbooks and are disappointed when she tells them that she is a "lazy cook," Staebler said.

"Part of the appeal of my recipes is that they do not require an expert knowledge of cooking."



Edna Staebler autographs one of her books for Betty Bridson, a participant of Summer life at Conestoga

(Photo by Kingsley Marfo)

Sexual harassment committee has new goals for fall

By Coleen Bellemare

The sexual assault/sexual harassment committee, formerly the date rape committee, will reconvene in September, with a new focus.

"We've had a lot of interest in the (date rape) campaign and we realize a lot more could be done so we felt it important to continue," said Carol Gregory, student services counsellor and member of the committee.

The committee consists of voluntary representatives from the entire college and includes faculty, staff and students.

It has been together for one year and met approximately once every five to six weeks last year.

Gregory said the prime focus of the committee last year was date and acquaintance rape "but this year we want to widen our focus. We want to look at the issue of sexual harassment as our prime focus. Also, we want to assess how other colleges and universities handle sexual harassment and assault."

There is a "real confusion" as to what sexual harassment is, Gregory said. The committee plans to look at it in terms of everyone and try to educate to increase awareness. The same as last year, there will be a week-long date and acquaintance rape campaign.

"People don't know what sexual harassment is. It's not limited to women. We want to look at it and

identify what it is. We've been so-cialized to take whistles as compliments.

We are just a group of people keen on making things better here
—Gregory

"People should get in touch with their feelings and if they don't like something, maybe it's because it is wrong," she said.

"We want to let people know the committee is in operation and what

it is doing to be able to provide them with information and ideas about fair and equitable practices," Gregory said.

The committee plans to research how other colleges and universities handle sexual assault/harassment situations to be able to suggest alternate methods, practices and processes for Conestoga.

As the Doon, Waterloo, and Guelph student associations get settled back on their campuses, the sexual harassment committee will see how they want to be involved.

Currently, the sexual harassment complaint process is the same as the general complaint process for both students and employees.

"We are not representing any one

area of sexual harassment. We are just a group of people keen on making things better here at Conestoga," said Gregory.

The committee consists of: Marylin Fischer, senior nurse; Diane Hamilton, early childhood education faculty; Deborah Croft, human resources staff; Judy Hart, clerical staff; Sheila MacLeod, student services counsellor; Valerie Allen, student services; Kerry Gen-nings, support staff; Duane Shadd, recreation centre; Dick Parker, social services faculty; Midge Ennis, Guelph and Doon nurse; Lorraine Garner, Waterloo counsellor; Sharon Herman, Ontario basic skills faculty; and Mary Wright, manager of alumni affairs.

Speed bumps

Campus safety net thwarted by dodging Doon drivers

By Coleen Bellemare

Two speed bumps, which cost \$375, were put in at the Kenneth E. Hunter recreation centre at Conestoga College Doon campus June 27 but people have been driving around them ever since.

"The main purpose of the bump is to slow traffic down and whether

people go around or over them it has served its purpose by slowing them down," Barry Milner, manager of physical resources, said.

As safety precautions, the speed bumps were painted yellow on July 2 and warning signs were put up later, Milner said.

The speed limit at the college is

15 kilometres per hour, a figure stated in the college's parking regulations as well as being posted.

The speed limit can be different only if marked and there are no other postings at Conestoga, Milner said.

We needed to do something to slow people down
—Milner

"People cross the road from the parking lot to the recreation centre and cars were going quite fast in that area so we needed to do something to try and slow them down," Milner said.

David Putt, director of physical resources, said the speed bumps "are not 100 per cent effective but they do work. When we get people coming in both ways people aren't going to go around them as much."

In certain cars at certain speeds, the bumps don't make a lot of difference
—Putt

Originally, three speed bumps in each direction were going to be put in, Putt said.

But college officials have talked to Kitchener Transit about running a route through the college and it is difficult for buses to pass over speed bumps.

"We would rather put in two now to slow people down than put in thousands of dollars of bumps and have to tear them out later when the bus comes through," Putt said.

"Also, if we put in too many, people get mad and in certain cars at certain speeds the bumps don't make a lot of difference."

There are pros and cons to any method used to try and slow the traffic down and there is no perfect solution, Putt said. The speed bumps are better than nothing but if too many people go around the bumps they may be extended across the road, Putt said.

10,000 foot expansion for Doon Cafeteria should be done by September

By Shawn Gillick

The expansion of the cafeteria at Conestoga College's Doon campus has been a cause of some concern to the administrative staff, according to college president John Tibbits.

Tibbits, who was inspecting the building with finance officer Kevin Mullan on July 24, said the renovations were scheduled to be finished by the first week of September, so the cafeteria could be open for the first day of classes.

The project has been on schedule so far, but the "next few weeks would be critical for

the bricklaying," Tibbits said.

"As long as the weather holds, there should be no problems."

When complete, the cafeteria will be expanded by 10,000 square feet, and will have two sections. The older part will continue to be used for campus activities during the day, while the new section will be sound-proofed for quiet study.

The expansion, which is part of a larger construction project at Doon, will cost \$842,000, and is being financed by government grants.

You Tell Us

Do you think the money given to the college is being spent wisely?



"Yes, definitely, I think that a bigger cafeteria is needed."
Beth Methmeteger, part-time teacher of continuous education.



"I don't really know if it is or not. I really didn't know they had gotten any money."
Sylvia Fischer, early childhood education graduate.



"Yes, I think so. They certainly seem to be getting a lot done, so they must be spending it wisely."
Jim Brady, security officer.



"Yes, expansions that are long overdue are getting done."
Paula Feedma, Recreation Centre Administration Services Co-ordinator.

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Ryan "Syd" Hovinga plays with bassist Leo Valvassori at Pop the Gator.

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Student practises his musical talent at Pop the Gator jam sessions

By Stewart Shutler

Ryan Hovinga, a second-semester journalism student, will provide a musical treat at jam night at the Pop the Gator blues club in Kitchener.

Hovinga has been playing with the Pop the Gator house band every second week on Wednesday since January.

"I'd heard about the club for awhile and as soon as I turned legal age, I started to go," Hovinga said. Hovinga has been playing guitar for six years. He started playing music because of the influence of music from Jimi Hendrix and Led Zeppelin.

Now he tends to shy away from the "guitar hero thing", having one particular musical idol who only plays guitar and nothing else, and is now more interested in music such

as Bob Dylan, Neil Young, and the Beatles.

Hovinga got the nickname Syd because of short stories he wrote in grade 7 about a fictional rock band who has a lead character based on Syd Barrett. People started calling him Syd, and "it just stuck."

Hovinga wants to play professionally, but he said it's a risky profession. He's taking a journalism course as a back-up.

He said he isn't interested in studying music at a college or university. "There's a lot of garbage in the music business right now. So if I'm going to do it, I think I can do it on my own merits instead of having to go to school for it."

Hovinga said he wants to make it on his own in the music business and not as part of a group.

"Even though I'm not a leader, I

prefer to be in control," Hovinga said.

He said he's been in a couple of bands in the past couple of years, and it was not a good experience.

He said the longest time he was in a band was two years, mainly because it got in the way of his school work in high school, but also because "a band is a really hard thing to keep together. It's hard to find people who all think the same way."

He said one of the best things about playing at the Gator is gaining the respect of people knowledgeable in music, especially Mel Brown, whom he has admired, and whom Hovinga said he sort of knows.

"Well, he knows who I am, anyway," Hovinga said.

Also, Hovinga said one of the main reasons he got into music was to meet girls.

DSA entertainment manager knows where his niche is

By Stewart Shutler

Shawn McEwen, entertainment manager for the Doon Student Association, is a self-confessed geek.

McEwen said he has a good sense of humor and he doesn't take life too seriously, but sometimes people his being silly that the wrong way. "I really don't care what most people think of me, it's the important people that count," McEwen said.

The important people to McEwen right now are the people that he

meets that can help him in the music business. The third-year broadcasting student said he has been checking out various dance clubs and bars in the Kitchener-Waterloo area for outside school pubs, and by doing so he has been meeting potential employers.

Starting out

The music business is where he wants to find his niche.

McEwen said because he is just starting out in the music promotion

business, he gets easily intimidated by people who have been in it a lot longer.

"It's like being in deep water," he said, "you have to learn how to swim."

Plus, the more contacts I make, the more possibility I have of getting a job."

McEwen is originally from Vancouver, British Columbia, and moved to the Kitchener area with his parents when he was two. Ever since then, he said, his family has

been moving back and forth between Cambridge and Kitchener.

Enjoys broadcasting

He said he chose to take the broadcasting course at Conestoga College because it was close, and because he always wanted to be involved in entertainment somehow, "even if it's just being on stage making a fool of myself."

He said he enjoys the broadcasting course here, especially the communications with people. "It's a

good learning and growing experience and some risk-taking big time," he said. McEwen got the position of entertainment manager in April.

"It's a lot of hard work, but a really cool experience," he said. "I'm learning a lot."

He said it's encouraging that just about every dance club in the Kitchener area, like The Twist and Stages, have someone working at them who once held the same post he has now.

Conestoga Summer Life a learning process

By Kingsley Marfo

To most participants of the day-long workshop organized for senior citizens as part of Summer Life at Conestoga, attending the series is a social occasion as well as a learning process.

According to Katherine Massicotte, Doon campus supervisor for the Centre for Continuous Learning, 50 participants registered for the program designed for people 50 years of age and older. It consists of a series of five sessions, which run weekly, and costs \$37.45 for the whole series or \$16.05 per day.

Two fourth-time participants, Joan Darrel and Grace Armbrust, live in Bermuda. They both visit their daughters in the summer and come to Conestoga to find stimulation from workshops such as the Summer Life series.

"Listening to pleasant people such as today's speaker, Edna Staebler, as well as meeting people, stimulates me," Darrel said.

To others, such as Beryl Etherington of Waterloo, the day's session was an occasion to pick up recipes and learn more about people and understand them.

A Kitchener couple, Jim and Marge Bett, who were first-time participants, registered for the en-



Carol Young (l.) and Grace Armbrust at Summer Life Conestoga

(Photo by Kingsley Marfo)

tire series to gain information, establish friendships and take part in interesting discussions to keep their minds from getting "stagnant." To keep an active mind, seniors need to go to school, Marge Bett said.

The series offers an opportunity to keep up with "what is going on" for

Betty Bridson, referring to an earlier lecture by Waterloo MP Elizabeth Witmer on the current political situation in Canada.

"Most elderly people want to stay alert mentally and to find out what young people are doing," Bridson said.

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SPORTS

Varsity athletics more than physical activity

By Matthew Saddington

Dan Young has been successfully running varsity athletics, at Conestoga, since 1972.

"When I started I was the athletic department. There was no recreation centre and there was no staff. I was a one man operation," said Young, supervisor of the athletics department.

Since then, Young said that he has seen the program at the college grow, from having to use community facilities to train athletes to now having other schools wanting to use Conestoga's recreational facilities.

This year the college will be running eight varsity sports. These include: women's softball, men's hockey, men's and women's soccer, mens and women's basketball and men's and women's volleyball.

"Volleyball is a new addition to the varsity sports this year," said Young.

"There has been a lot of interest in the sport the last couple of years so we are going to give it a try."

Young believes students not only get physical activity from playing varsity sports, but they also learn a great deal from playing on a team.

"Students also make a lot of friends and learn a great deal about leadership, as well as how to work as a team."

"These skills are important when students get into the working world," said Young.

He also believes students learn how to better balance their time.

"Students are busy with school and when they are playing varsity sports they have to learn how to maintain a balance between the two in order to do both successfully."

Students must put their studies first, then sports, said Young.

If players find their grades are slipping, because of involvement with varsity sports then the coaches and Young will try to help the student bring their grades back up.

"We will arrange for a peer tutor, or help them with time management. The players must keep up program eligibility requirements to play on a varsity team," said Young.

Athletes playing on varsity teams are also eligible to apply for an athletic scholarship of approximately \$600.

The recipient is picked by the coaches and the recreation centre staff.

Varsity sports are open to all full-time students at any of the college campuses.

"Students think only students in LASA can play varsity sports," said

Young.

"They think that because they aren't built that they won't stand a chance of getting on a team."

A lot of sports don't require the player to be big and muscular such as soccer and volleyball.

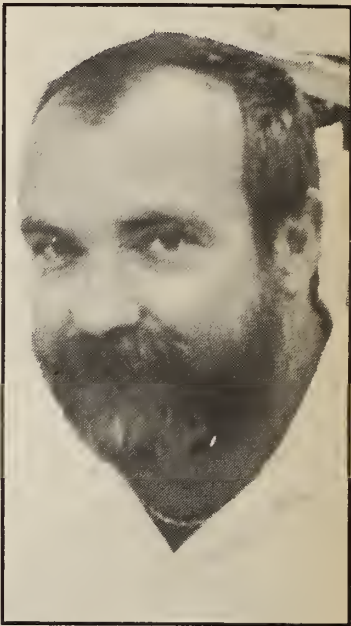
They rely more on a players speed and agility more so than his physical size.

According to Young, students trying-out for a team must attend all of the necessary practices and play in some exhibition games before the coaches make decisions.

Young encourages students to try out for teams and believes this in itself is good experience.

"Students should come out and give varsity sports a try," said Young.

"It's a great way to stay in shape and you can make some great friends."



Dan Young

New award for sports officials

By Matthew Saddington

Starting in September athletes will not be the only ones recognized for outstanding achievements by the staff of the Kenneth E. Hunter Recreation Centre.

The staff of the centre will also be choosing an official of the month, as well as the athletes and team of the week.

"We (the recreation centre staff) thought that it was time the people who referee and umpire the games at the college got a little bit of acknowledgement," said Barb McCauley, recreation centre intramural co-ordinator.

The new award is part of several new programs that the recreation centre is running in

the new school year. Another is the Ultimate League Frisbee Football.

"This new award for the official of the month may also be extended to include coaches and trainers," McCauley said.

"We are just sort of toying with idea right now. We don't know how far to take it, and who should be included. We do know that we want to recognize some of the support staff for the athletes, though."

Referees for the varsity games get paid to referee but giving them some extra incentive to perform well can't hurt, said McCauley.

The official of the month will have his or her picture in Spoke and information detailing what they referee.

Conestoga College's top two coaches resign within two days of one another

By Joe Melo

In most cases to remain successful one must adapt and change. This is the case with the two most successful coaches Conestoga College has had in recent memory.

Scott Long, head coach of the hockey team, and Ron Taylor, head coach of the women's softball team as well as assistant to Long with the hockey Condors, both resigned in early June.

Both men have impressive credentials. Taylor led his softball team to two consecutive Ontario Colleges Athletic Association championships, while helping Long take the hockey team to good showing in the International Collegiate Hockey League. Long also spent his first two years with the club as assistant coach.

Taylor decided to give up his duties to devote more time to his work and family. Long left to change his course in coaching.

"I'm finding it tougher and tougher to to make a commitment to other things," he said.

"In order to coach . . . you got to be really dedicated."

out."

Taylor, 34, said his best moment at the college came with the two championships.

"Winning last year was probably more exciting since I won't be back," said the soft-spoken coach.

Long and Taylor had been talking about leaving since the end of the hockey season.

Long is leaving in order to further his coaching career. After a disappointing loss to the Penn State Nittany Lions in the ICHL semifinal in overtime, Long said he wasn't sure what he was going to do. His decision came just days after Taylor had handed in his resignation.

Long has decided to accept an offer from the Cambridge Winter Hawks of the Midwestern Junior B hockey league.

"I have been offered other opportunities, but at the present time I felt I was willing to take a back seat to learn within the Cambridge organization, rather than jumping into a full-time position where I had full control, like at Conestoga."

Long will be helping the head coach with practices, and making decisions about players with the coach and general manager. He will also help with recruiting and scouting for Cambridge, along with taking part in the administrative role.

Long said he turned down coaching jobs offered by the Elmira Sugar Kings and the Kitchener Dutchmen, both cellar-dwelling teams in the Midwestern league, and also turned down scouting

positions with some junior A clubs.

Long is hoping he made the right career decision.

"Boy it's difficult. I walked to the rink today and watched some of the players on the ice. It's always difficult when you leave a position. You can't always see into the future. Hopefully I'm making a move . . . in an upward direction," he said.

Working together

Both men may be working together in the future in some capacity. Long and Taylor had been talking about leaving since the end of the hockey season. Long approached Taylor to take the head-coaching position of the Condors hockey team if he left, but Taylor refused.

"Well, if he wasn't going back I wasn't going back," Taylor said.

Long kept the door open by telling Taylor he would appreciate his help in a future capacity.

Long said he's had a lot of pleasant experience including making it to the finals in his first year as head coach and this past season.

"Realistically we weren't supposed to be in the position we were in this year. Basically we were only 33 seconds away from the finals (the Condors were up 2-1 until Penn State scored on the power play to tie the game and send it to overtime). That had to be a highlight in itself," Long said.

He was pleasantly surprised after the poor start of the team, which he called "wishy-washy": the team won six games at the end of the season.

"The objective of the game is no longer to just go out and have fun, it is to win or else," he said, believing this is the attitude which one must have to stay successful.

Lions devour Habilitation Services

By Matthew Saddington

Three games in the Conestoga College Adult Softball League were played July 28.

Kuntz Electroplating defeated the Photographic Phantoms 21 to 17 with a rally in the bottom of the ninth inning.

The Kuntz team was leading the game until the seventh inning when the Phantoms rallied to drive in seven runs and put them ahead until the bottom of the ninth.

"It was hard fought all the way," said Charles Durgood, a player on the Phantoms. "We thought we had them in the eighth, but they pulled it out at the last moment."

The Macedonia Lions had an easier time defeating the K-W Habilitation Services team.

The Lions got off to an early lead in the first inning by driving in seven runs. In the second inning the Lions rallied for three more runs to lead the Habilitation Services 10 to zero.

The Habilitation Services team rallied in the sixth inning driving in five runs, but it was not enough to stop the Lions from bringing in 10 more runs before the game was over. The final score was Lions 20, Habilitation Services 7.

"The whole idea of the game is to have some fun," said Carol Smith, catcher for the Habilitation Services team. "I'm glad that we made them work a little for their win. It wasn't a total walkover."

Teams pay \$875 to register for the season, and the college provides all the equipment, except for team shirts, and softball diamonds.

"There are always some teams on top and some on the bottom," said Jennifer Vanderzwaag, 21, a recreation centre staff member. "There are 12 teams and everybody plays 11 games, before the top four teams go on to the playoffs. The other teams have a fun tournament amongst themselves."

The softball league plays Fridays and Sundays through the summer.

Replacement

Taylor said he's a bit more relieved since he found out former Conestoga softball coach Jim Van Trigt will be coaching the team.

"He's got the experience, I'm really happy for the college that he's coming back. I was really concerned, I didn't want just anybody coming in with no experience," he said.

"The college has been real good to me. I know I'm going to miss it - I don't know if I'm making the right decision or not, that's the biggest problem," he said. "I've probably written my resignation two or three times and thrown it